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LETTER REQUESTING INITIALED PTO 1449 FORM

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Sir:

In reviewing the above-captioned application file, the undersigned has noted that even though the Examiner initialed the PTO 1449 Form filed on February 4, 2004, there is a line crossed through one of the references. An explanation was not given as to why this reference was not considered.

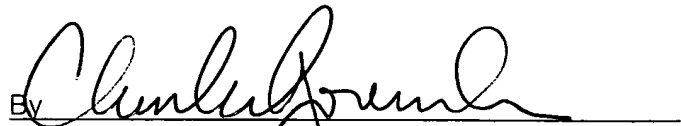
The Patent and Trademark Office therefore is requested to return the initialed form without the strike-through line to the undersigned as soon as possible. Alternatively, it is requested that an explanation be provided as to why the reference was not considered.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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